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SUBJECT: EMBASSY ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PEACE  
CORPS PROGRAM IN ZIMBABWE

1. ON NOVEMBER 15, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT  
OF ZIMBABWE AND THE DELIVERY OF A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE EMBASSY ANNOUNCED THE  
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN  
ZIMBABWE. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THAT ANNOUNCEMENT. THE  
LANGUAGE IN THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWED VERY CLOSELY  
THAT OF THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: FOLLOWING  
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE, AND WITH  
GREAT REGRET, THE U.S. EMBASSY ANNOUNCES THE TEMPORARY  
SUSPENSION OF THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN ZIMBABWE. THE  
EMBASSY REGRETS THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE'S FAILURE TO  
PROVIDE WORK PERMITS FOR VOLUNTEER TEACHERS, AS STIPULATED  
IN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE AND THE  
PEACE CORPS, FOLLOWING A THREE-MONTH TRAINING PERIOD IN  
ZIMBABWE FOR THE VOLUNTEERS IN QUESTION. BECAUSE OF THE  
LONG LEAD-TIME NEEDED FOR SELECTION AND TRAINING OF  
QUALIFIED VOLUNTEERS TO FILL THE SPECIALIZED POSITIONS, THE  
EMBASSY REQUIRES ASSURANCES THAT THE TRAINEES SELECTED IN  
CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT  
THEIR WORK.

ABSENT SUCH ASSURANCES, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS PRUDENT  
TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND PEACE CORPS OPERATIONS IN ZIMBABWE.  
THE EMBASSY AND THE PEACE CORPS HOPE TO CONSULT FURTHER  
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE AT A MUTUALLY AGREED FUTURE  
DATE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING WHAT HAS BEEN A  
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF  
ZIMBABWE AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. END TEXT OF  
ANNOUNCEMENT.

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